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Dobbins commander breaks glass ceiling, wins local award

By Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish
Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. William Kane, commander of the 94th Airlift Wing, was honored by Cobb Executive Women as the winner of the 2002 Glass Ceiling Award during the Cobb Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast on March 4.

The Glass Ceiling Award recognizes an individual who has helped or allowed women to break through the proverbial "glass ceiling," which many claim exists at the top of the typically male dominated hierarchy of most organizations and businesses.

Kane was recognized for his contribution to promoting women to positions of leadership. When he arrived at Dobbins in 1998 all of his squadron commanders were men. Today, nearly half of 94th Airlift Wing's squadron commanders are women.

Lt. Col. Evelyn Byars, commander, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron summed up why she thought Kane was deserving of the award.

"My growth as a commander started with Brig. Gen. Kane believing in me," said Byars. "He is an excellent mentor and I am constantly learning and growing because of him."

Such comments are not uncommon when Kane is the subject.

Prior to becoming a second lieutenant, Sondra

Mounts had served 18 years in the enlisted ranks, attaining the rank of master sergeant. She wanted to further her career and become an officer, but at age 36 she was one year too old to meet Air Force commissioning requirements. Kane recognized her potential and her dedication through service to the Air Force and her country and signed a waiver that allowed her to attend commissioning school at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base in Tennessee.

To further show his support for her he attended her graduation and followed her progress throughout the course.

"General Kane was the one who guided me through the commissioning process. He came to my graduation and supported me throughout the school. The fact that he took time to drive four hours to my graduation shows his dedication to the people working under him," said Mounts.

After accepting the award from CEW chairwoman Terri Bunten-Cross, Kane remarked that he had no special interest in his selections.

"I promote the people who do good work," said Kane. "Some of them just happened to be women."

Cobb Executive Women is an organization of female business owners, executives and elected officials who promote and encourage the advancement of women to executive leadership.

Kane is the second Dobbins commander to receive the award. Brig. Gen. Terry Whitnell received the award in 1993.



Brig. Gen. William Kane accepts the Glass Ceiling Award from Cobb Executive Women. Also attending the breakfast was Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish)

Reserve commander and chief stops by for a visit at Dobbins



Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of the Air Force Reserve, takes time from his busy schedule to swear in airman-to-be Christina M. Sheets during his visit to Dobbins March 8 and 9. Sheets will leave for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas on May 21. (Photo by Don Peek)



Staff Sgt. James Mason, 94th Security Forces Squadron, and his dog Eddie, prove that even generals aren't above security procedures as the duo searches the vehicle of Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing Commander and Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of the Air Force Reserve. Sherrard visited Dobbins March 8 and 9. (Photo by Don Peek)

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Around the Wing



(Photo by Don Peek)

By Lt. Col. Richard Moser
94th Airlift Wing Safety,
safety officer

Last month we took a safety down day as part of the Air Force's policy to make our jobs as safe as possible and look at ways to work safer. That includes flying missions and missions on the ground. Our war on terrorism is going to be tasking on us and on our equipment. Abiding by safety standards in everything we do has never meant so much.

Our safety down day was due to the significant increase in Air Force accidents this year in the air and on the ground. It really disturbs me about accidents that take lives on the ground, where just one miscue can make a difference between life and death or between keeping or losing a finger or limb. No matter what our job is, the Air Force cannot replace us. We cannot afford to let our guard down because we're tired, work long hours or change work shifts.

You must always be watching out for yourself and co-workers. In Base Safety, we talk a lot about personal risk management. You can boil it down to three steps we call ACT. First, Assess your environment. You're on 41 northbound, it's dark and raining and you want to make an illegal U-turn to get on base. Pretty risky if you ask me, even in bright

and clear weather where oncoming traffic might hit speeds of 60 to 70 miles per hour.

The next step, Consider your options for getting on base. You can either go further north on 41 to where you can turn around in a shopping center, or take the loop over Delk Road and get back on 41 southbound and enter the base safely. Our final step is to Take action to reduce the risk of injury. In this case, it only takes a minute longer to get on base, but you significantly reduce your personal risk.

At Dobbins, we've also seen an increase in accidents, especially with vehicles. While it's been mostly fender benders, we still need to use care in moving about the base. A couple of sensitive areas we have are navigating around our barricades and making that illegal U-turn on 41 to get on base. That one is real scary and you just can't do it.

We're strongly recommending that you do not use the light to exit from Delk road onto 41 southbound, especially when traffic is backed up to get on base. Vehicles are getting stranded in the middle of oncoming traffic and when it's dark it's extremely dangerous. Instead, go under 41 and use the loop exit to access the base. Also consider using Gate 5 past Lockheed/Martin. It's much quicker.

Wear your seatbelt. You know, since we've been polling the base, we've never had a poll where 100 percent of the drivers were wearing seatbelts. It's state law, it's federal law, and it's a proven life-saver. Finally, if you do have an accident report it to your supervisor who should call safety and security. Not to report an accident is not acceptable.

With our increased operations tempo, it's more important than ever to go by the book. You might have heard "they throw the book away during wartime." It just doesn't happen, especially at wartime. I've only been involved in several Vietnam tours and Desert Shield and believe me we abided by the procedures in everything we did from flying to ground operations. The book is there to save our lives and if we use it, we'll reduce our safety risks.

Top-Three Connection



(Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

By Senior Master Sgt. Dallas E. Godfrey
94th Airlift Wing Plans and Programs,
logistics manager

We began cycle 3 of the Expeditionary Air Force on Feb. 16. The 94th Airlift Wing is committed for the next 15 months to support this cycle of our ongoing Aerospace Expeditionary Force mission. Our units are already serving in Europe and Southeast Asia as part of our responsibility to meet real-world Air Force missions.

While the bulk of the requirements will fall in the September, October, and November timeframe, we are still responsible for missions that may occur on a short notice. That's why, it's important to be preparing for deployment. The people who have deployed so far have done well and we want to maintain that level of proficiency, no matter if they're from transportation, supply, airfield operations, or communications.

As we go through our window of the EAF, Wing Plans is available to assist units and individuals in training and preparing troops for deployment in accordance with the Air Force instructions. The first and most critical requirement is meeting the training needs. Units need to

spend the additional time to ensure that their people and equipment are ready.

Ask yourself if your people are current in self-aid buddy care, chemical warfare defense training, M-16 and M-9 training? Are their medical records and immunizations up to date? Are your military personnel records up to date? Military pay and a current will are other areas that need to be taken care of.

If you are falling short in meeting these requirements, contact the responsible agencies to make arrangements to get them completed. It is the responsibility of the Unit Deployment Manager and the air reserve technician to ensure the training and processing are completed. Failure to do delays the mobility process.

Training is ongoing, but when the mission comes down, your first stop is to send your people to Personnel Readiness to see Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Thompson, (770) 919-5044. She provides them a checklist for the location of the deployment and prepares the Contingency Exercise Deployment orders. Next, it's to Wing Plans to see me at (770) 919-3029. I will request the funds and make travel arrangements for deploying individuals.

Many of the units and reservists have never deployed and will be going through an eye-opening experience. The more we do now-the smoother the process will be.

Lobbying Congress

By Maj. John Dymond
94th Airlift Wing,
Staff Judge Advocate

A couple of folks recently asked me for guidance about writing to their representatives to ask them to consider voting one way or another regarding a Reserve issue. My abbreviated answer is: that's called lobbying congress and there are restrictions on how military members and federal employees can do that without getting into trouble. Members have the right to send personal letters, not for publica-

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tion, "expressing preference for a specific political candidate or cause" so long as it is not part of partisan political letter writing campaign.

The Anti-Lobbying Act is a criminal statute, which mandates the removal of any employee who violates its provisions. Generally, it bars the use of any appropriated fund resources, including official time and government e-mail, to try to mount any "grass roots" lobbying regarding any federal legislation.

Specifically, I've reviewed the issue of writing to Congress to support the bill which would reduce the reserve retirement age to receive retirement pay to age 55 and here is my longer answer:

Military members cannot use their official titles or official letterhead stationery to write letters requesting legislators to support the bill. On the other hand, they are free, if on their own time without using any government resources, to write their legislators in support of any legislation and may use their name, rank, and service (but not their official title) to urge support of or opposition to any legislation. For military members, name, grade, and service without more is equivalent to "Honorable", or "Mr." and "Mrs." for civilians.

The Secretary of the Air Force alone, through SAF/LL, determines the official Air Force view of, and the AF position on, any legislation affecting the Air Force or its members.

Finally, no Air Force member may use official government resources or authority to urge others to write to Congress on any pending legislation without violating the federal Anti-Lobbying Act, a criminal statute.

Change to reserve retirement proposed

Legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives Feb. 28 to lower the minimum age required to claim reserve retirement pay.

Currently, reservists must wait until age 60 before applying for this retirement benefit. If adopted, the resolution would lower the age to 55.

H. R. 3831, introduced by U.S. Representative Jim Saxton of New Jersey, seeks to amend Title 10 of the United States Code, which includes details on who may receive military retirement pay and benefits.

To qualify for reserve retirement, reservists must complete 20 qualifying years of service with the final eight qualifying years spent as a member of a reserve component. Before reaching age 60, they are classified as "gray area" retirees, a category that allows them to claim many reserve benefits but not retirement pay.

Although introduced in the House, the resolution has a long road to travel before becoming law. The appropriate committee must first review the proposal before it is considered by the full House, and the U.S. Senate has to concur with the wording or consider a comparable bill. During the lengthy process, the wording of the bill may be modified in order to reach a consensus.

If approved by both chambers of Congress, the proposal is included with other legislation and sent to the president for his approval and signature. People can learn more about the proposal by going on the Web via www.house.gov/tpt/www.house.gov.

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Chiefs select first honorary chiefs

The Dobbins Chiefs Group announced its first selections of honorary chiefs. Chief Master Sgt. Les Davy, president of the group and 22nd Air Force life support functional manager announced the selections during the group's monthly meeting in March.

Receiving the honors were Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, and Kevin Gontarek, manager, Dobbins Consolidated Club. Organized in the mid-90s, the group made its first selections based on the assistance the recipients have given the Dobbins Chiefs Group and for the difference they've made in quality-of-life issues for the enlisted ranks at Dobbins.

According to Davy, Kane has been instrumental in supporting the efforts of the chiefs and the organization and ongoing support for the Dobbins Top Three Association. "Through his support and our hard work, the Chiefs Group has flourished and gained more credibility," Davy said. "Today, we are a viable and respected group for working issues important to the base."

In announcing Gontarek's selection, Davy said "Mr. Gontarek is a staunch advocate for the enlisted corps and throughout his 24-year career in Services, and specifically at Dobbins, has shown his willingness to listen and react to the needs of reservists."

Both men received jackets as the announcements were made and will be officially inducted as honorary chiefs at the Chief's Installation Dinner in January of 2003.



Policy on use of hand-held phones while driving government vehicles

Effective March 1, the following practices regarding cell phone use in government vehicles are being used by Federal agencies:

- Discouraging the use of hand-held wireless phones by a driver while operating motor vehicles owned or leased by the Federal government.
- Providing a portable hands-free accessory and/or a hands-free car kit for government-owned wireless phones.
- Educating employees on driving safely while using hands-free wireless phones. See next article "Cellular phone safe driving tips."

For more information, contact the General Services Administration, Office of Government wide Policy, Federal Vehicle Policy Division (MTV), Washington, DC 20405. Telephone number: (202) 501-1777, E-mail address: vehicle.policy@gsa.gov.

This bulletin provides guidance to Federal agencies concerning the use of hand-held wireless phones while driving motor vehicles owned or leased by the Federal government.

Over 110 million people use wireless phones in the United States. A recent National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) survey found that 54 percent of motor vehicle drivers in the United States usually have a wireless phone in their vehicle. Federal and State policymakers have been weighing the benefits of wireless phone use in vehicles against the growing evidence of their potential to increase driver distraction and the risks to safety. The recent ban of hand-held wireless phones while driving in New York State and pending legislation in at least 27 other states has received significant publicity in 2001. In addition, 23 countries now restrict or prohibit wireless phones in motor vehicles.

Cellular phone safe driving tips

Safe driving is your first priority. Always buckle up, keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road.

Make sure that your phone is positioned where it is easy to see and easy to reach. Be familiar with the operation of your phone, so that you're comfortable using it on the road.

Use a hands-free microphone while driving. Make sure your phone is dealer-installed to get the best possible sound quality.

Use the speed-dialing feature to program in frequently called numbers. Then you can make a call by touching only two or three buttons. Most phones will store up to 99 numbers.

When dialing manually without the speed-dialing feature, dial only when stopped. If you can't stop, or pull over, dial a few digits, then survey traffic before completing the call. (Better yet, have a passenger dial.)

Never take notes while driving. Pull off the road to jot something down; if it's a phone number, many mobile phones have an electronic scratchpad that allows you to key in a new number while having a conversation.

Let your wireless network's voice mail pick up your calls when it's inconvenient or unsafe to answer the car phone. You can even use your voice mail to leave yourself reminders.

Be a cellular Samaritan. Dialing 9-1-1 is a free call for cellular subscribers; use it to report crimes in progress or other potential life-threatening emergencies, accidents or drunk driving. *Source: Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: An Investigation of the Safety Implications of Wireless Communications in Vehicles November 1997.*

Making the most of the weekend

700th AS and support units fly away to Keesler AFB

Story and photos by Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

Brisk winds were blowing and bad weather moved in, but nothing slowed the determination of members of the 700th Airlift Squadron and other supporting units from completing their missions. During the March drill, Dobbins units participated in a fly away to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., to practice their skills in a variety of airlift missions.

Five aircraft and 106 reservists racked up in-flight training hours as they honed their skills at preparing and dropping cargo, scheduling missions, and maintaining air-

the squadron.” The squadron’s planes flew to Eglin AFB, Fla., to pick up the paratroopers, but unfortunately after landing at Eglin bad weather conditions forced the Army to cancel the scheduled training mission.

Other activities during the deployment included a training mission with the 94th AES. Departing from Keesler the medics flew to an auxiliary site north of Biloxi, Miss. During the flight unit members conducted mock training scenarios that better prepared them for all future missions.

While the AES was training, another mission was also taking place. The 700 AS conducted assault landings followed by combat offload and combat on-load training in a simulated “hot landing zone.” After performing a hot crew change, where a new crew changes place with the previous crew while engines continue running, the C-130 formation took off on a tactical low-level flight for cargo drops over different targets.

“These type of missions give us live tactical experience,” said Master Sgt. David Williams, 94th Aerial Delivery Flight supervisor. “When we are in a different environment, many unexpected scenarios arise which give us the opportunity to adapt and overcome.”

While the riggers prepared cargo, behind the scenes maintenance crews were making sure that all the planes stayed in the air by conducting pre and post flight inspections and providing service support for situations as they arose.

“Due to the vast combination of missions, maintenance had to reconfigure the aircrafts for troop drops, cargo drops, rolling stock and aeromedical missions,” said Senior Master Sgt. Bob Leonardo, 94th MXS sortie generation flight chief. “We had a 10-man team that worked with five planes through rain, wind and cold.”



The first group of reservists sent to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., were part of the ADVON team. They were responsible for setting up and organizing the transition from Dobbins to Keesler, for the nearly 100 members arriving the next day.



Master Sgt. Mike McDonald (left), 94th Aerial Delivery Flight loadmaster instructor, places bags to take up the least amount of space possible as Senior Master Sgt. Joe Martynski (right), 94th Operations Group Standard Evaluation loadmaster evaluator, hands the bags to McDonald from the outside of the aircraft.

craft. The 700th AS contributed a majority of the personnel with support from the 94th Maintenance Squadron, 94th Logistics Group, 94th Airlift Wing Base Plans, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 94th Operations Group.

“Since our mission at the 700th changed from an operational flying squadron to a training unit, we’ve had very few opportunities to receive training outside of Dobbins,” said Tech. Sgt. Eric Marioneaux, 94th OG operations resource manager. “This assignment offered us a great opportunity to do what we do best, only in a different environment. We received additional training as we all work together to accomplish a common goal.”

One of the training missions included a joint operation with an Army Ranger training battalion from Fort Benning, Ga. Three hundred Army paratroopers were scheduled to participate in a Joint Airborne Air Transportability Training mission that included the use of three C-130s.

“About every two months the Army holds a conference with the other services stating which training requirements they need completed,” said Tech. Sgt. John Goodman, 94th OG mission scheduler. “We attend these conferences and volunteer our services for the training missions that can give us the most amount of training for

According to the mission leaders, teamwork was the secret to making the most out of the weekend’s training opportunities.

“Everything went really well and all our missions were completed,” said Maj. Robert Oates, mission commander. “This training effort was successful because of all the hard work that every member of this team placed on each mission.”

Lt. Col. Dan Kornacki, 700th AS commander shared Oates’ feelings. “I’m proud of all the hard work that everybody during the weekend,” he said. “We were able to accomplish our missions and show tremendous team work as the different teams came together to accomplish a common goal.”



Above: Maj. Fred Singleton, pilot instructor, briefs weather conditions and other factors that may effect the missions.



Left: Dobbins reservists listen to instructions on what tasks need to be done for a successful mission. Before each mission, crew members and participating individuals are given a safety briefing and a mission overview.

April UTA Schedule

*schedule is subject to change

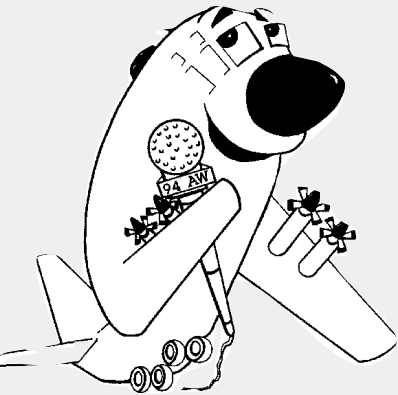
Saturday, April 6

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0800	M16A2-M9 TNG (SFS)	CA RANGE
0830	OUTPROCESSING (APVD REASGNMTS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS)	BLDG 838/RM 2406
0900-1500	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0900-1100	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0930	TDY OUTPROCESSING 30+DAYS & ALL FORMAL SCHOOL TOURS (BRING ORDERS)	BLDG 838/RM 2406
0930-1030	OJT MANAGERS MTG (DPMT)	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1030	RETIREMENT BRIEFING	BLDG 838/RM 2406
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	BLDG 744/94LSS
1230-1500	MASK FIT (80APS) OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	BLDG 838/RM 1322 TEMPORARILY CANCELLED
1300-1400	QTRLY PCIII WORKERS GP (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 827/RM 208B
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG(XP)	BLDG 838/WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 94LSS	BLDG 922/FRONT

Sunday, April 7

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS (AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0730	M870 REFIRE (SFS)	CATM RANGE
	M60-M249 MECHANICAL (SFS)	CATM RANGE
0800-0900	“3A0X1 CALL” (CF/SCB)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0800	PHYSICAL EXAMS (NON-AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0830	OUTPROCESSING (APVD REASGNMTS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS)	BLDG 922/RM 205
0830-1100	MASK FIT (APS/AES/ASTS)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1000	CLIMATE ASSESSMENT MTG (MEO)	BLDG 838/WCR
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1000	CHIEFS GROUP MTG (PA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
0930	TDY OUTPROCESSING 30+DAYS & ALL FORMAL SCHOOL TOURS (BRING ORDERS)	BLDG 922/RM 205
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1030	RETIREMENT BRIEFING	BLDG 922/RM 205
1130	CMDR’S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1230-1500	MASK FIT (APS/AES/ASTS)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1530	MILITARY EO	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1315-1400	QTRLY SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 744/ 2ND FL TNG RM
1500-1600	QTRLY NEWCMRS MTG (94AW/CC) (JAN/APR/JUL/OCT)	CONSOL OPEN MESS

Herk Wonders



“What do you do to promote safety in your work environment?”

“We have a safety brief every morning.”

Senior Master Sgt. Dallas Godfrey, 94th Airlift Wing Plans, logistics management specialist

“We watch for accessibility, footing and lighting repairs. This ranges from the floor tiles to the emergency lights.”

Judy Argo, Dobbins Inn, assistant lodging manager

“Vehicle safety is promoted at the front gate when we check seat-belts.”

Senior Airman Darrien Thornton, 94th Security Forces Squadron, Security Forces specialist

“We have ‘universal precautions’ that include hazardous material handling and disposal procedures. Hazmat is a top priority.”

Senior Airman James Russell, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, medical clerk

Want to see the UTA schedule sooner? The most current issue of the Minuteman is always available online one week prior to the UTA. Access -- http://www.afrc.af.mil/22AF/94aw/pa_min-uteman.asp

Reservist Appreciation Night

Reservists can join the fun at the Dobbins Consolidated Club every UTA Saturday for great food, karaoke and prizes. Come join the fun on April beginning at 4:30 p.m. The event is free to Consolidated Club members and non-members only pay \$5 dollars. A years membership to the club and other prizes will be given away. For more information, call (770) 919-4594.

National Prayer Breakfast

Everyone is welcome to the National Prayer Breakfast on April 7 at the dining facility. Breakfast will be served from 6 - 7 a.m. Breakfast is free for enlisted personnel and less than \$2 for officers and civilians. The service begins at 7 a.m. The guest speaker will be Chaplain Brig. Gen. Charles C. Baldwin, deputy chief of chaplains of the Air Force.

Friday dinner buffets

The Dobbins Consolidated Club Friday evening dining specials are back. Stop by the club on Friday and enjoy fine dining in the Georgia Room. Specials range in price from \$9.95 to \$16.95 for members and from \$12.95 to \$19.95 for non-members. April 5 features a prime rib buffet at \$10.95 for members and \$13.95 for non-members, April 12 features a beef wellington buffet at \$13.95 for members and \$16.95 for non-members, April 19 features a seafood buffet at \$16.95 for members and \$19.95 for non-members and April 26 features a Mongolian BBQ at \$9.95 for members and \$12.95 for non-members. Each night, prime rib and chicken cordon bleu will also be available. Reservations are not necessary for Friday dining, but they are recommended. To make reservations, call (770) 427-5551 or (770) 919-4594.

Administrative Professional's Day specials

The Dobbins Creations Shop would like to remind every one not to forget that April 24 is Administrative Professional's Day. Show the administrative professional in your office just how much you appreciate him or her with a balloon bouquet and candy mug. The price is \$7.50 for balloons and candy or \$12.50 for a mug with candy and balloons. For more information, call (770) 919-5717. Also, remember to take your administrative professional to lunch at the Consolidated Club and receive a double-stamp on your Lunch Bunch Card.

More for your money

Come by the Rental Center and ask for a "Frequent Renter Card." Each time you rent \$30 or more in rental equipment for one day or over a weekend, your card will be stamped. After the 5th stamp, you'll receive up to \$50 off one rental. For more information, call (770) 919-4870.

Lunch cruise

Be the captain of your own boat on Tuesdays in April through June from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dobbins Services is offering a 1/2 submarine sandwich (roast beef, ham, or turkey), a bag of chips and a soda for \$3; after lunch, cruise the lakeside for 30 minutes in a paddleboat at no additional charge.

RV storage lot expanded

Outdoor Recreation has opened a second recreational vehicle storage lot. The lot has room for an additional 80 vehicles and is a clear and fenced area, free of all trees or any obstacle that could be a problem during severe weather conditions. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation/Equipment Rental at (770) 929-4870.

Mother's Day buffet

The Dobbins Consolidated Club will be holding a Mother's Day buffet on May 12. The buffet includes hand carved roast beef, honey-baked ham, chicken supreme in a delicate white wine sauce, smoked salmon, sweet potato souffle, creamed potatoes, a variety of vegetables, gourmet salads and desserts. Serving times are between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Buffet prices are \$12.95 for members, and \$15.95 for non-members. Children 5-12 eat for \$6 each. Children 4 and under eat free. Reservations are necessary. Call (770) 427-5551 to make your reservation today.

Employers' Day

The 94th Airlift Wing is sponsoring Employers' Day on Saturday, June 1, 2002. Employers of reservists will be given the opportunity to visit the base and gain a better understanding and appreciation of the Air Force Reserve. Activities include a number of items, highlighted by a C-130 flight with aeromedical personnel on board.

Reservists are encouraged to nominate their employers to participate in this important program.

Employers will receive a letter of invitation from Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, with an

RSVP date to allow them to adjust their schedules.

This program is for employers only, not for family, friends and co-workers. Please nominate an employer who has not participated in the program within the last two years. Each reservist can only nominate one employer.

To nominate your employer, pick up a form from and return it to the 94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 838, Room 2121.

The nomination deadline is close of business of the April UTA. If you have any questions about the nomination procedures or the event itself, call (770) 919-5055.

Air Force Clubs to award three scholarships

Air Force Services is conducting the sixth annual Club Member Scholarship Program. Current club members of the Dobbins Consolidated Club and their family members are eligible for this beneficial program. Applicants must have been accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university as a part or full-time student for entry during the fall 2002 term. The three scholarships to be awarded are: First Place — \$5,000, Second Place — \$3,000 and Third Place — \$2,000. For information on eligibility, submission requirements, and an entry form call the Services Marketing Office at (770) 919-4975. All applications are due July 15, to the Dobbins Chief of Services.

On-the-go eating

The Verhulst Hall dining facility introduces the "Meals to Go Window." During UTA lunches, call the menu line at (770) 919-3872 to find out what is on the lunch menu and then fax your order to (770) 919-3430. Be sure to include your name and unit. If you do not have access to a fax machine, you can also place orders at the window. Each individual must be present to sign for his or her meal. The window is located at the rear of the dining facility across from the billeting office.

Dining facility open

The dining facility is not just open on UTAs. The facility is open for dinner and midnight meals seven days a week until further notice. Dinner is served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Midnight meals are served from 11 p.m. 1 a.m. with a choice of a full breakfast meal or dinner entree as options. To go containers are available. Due to current circumstances, all officers, DoD civilians and Griffin Services contract employees are authorized to use the dining facility.

Lakeside Community Activity Center open

Don't sit around at lodging watching television or hanging out with your friends in the parking lot. The Lakeside Community Activity Center is no longer just a couple of empty rooms for special functions, it's a place for you to get away, relax and unwind after the duty day. Bring your friends down to enjoy a snack and beverage, shoot a game of pool on a 9-foot tournament style table, slam a buddy at a game of ping pong, surf the internet, play a video game on a Playstation, take in a movie on a large screen, read the latest periodicals from the reading center and when you get ready to leave, check out a book from the "field library" to take with you. The facility is open from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and stays open until 10 p.m. on Saturday night of the UTA. Call (770) 919-3878 for more information.

Leadership development

The Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Development Program is here to help NCOs improve their leadership skills and gain tools that will assist in handling current AFRC issues. The NCOLDP is a 10-day course, which explores college-level academic and leadership instruction and the application of those concepts to current Air Force issues. While the program targets staff sergeants and technical sergeants, senior airmen and master sergeants looking for an effective leadership course have attended the program. The next opportunity to attend this 10-day program at Dobbins will be June 3 - 14. To attend this session, you must submit a request signed by your commander to the base training manager, Tech. Sgt. Angie Cooper. The deadline for submitting an application for the June class is close of business Saturday of the May UTA. Call (770) 919-5043 for more information.

Morale calls

Dobbins has a new automated system to assist DoD military personnel when TDY to contact local families without the assistance of the base operator. Called the "Morale Minder," the system is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. All calls are limited by DoD directives to 15 minutes.

Use the following information during your TDY to access local numbers (area codes 770, 678 and 404 only). There is no automated system, nor approval for long-distance calls. All government communications are subject to monitoring. Instructions for using Morale Minder:

Newly assigned

Senior Master Sgt. Tyrone Anderson
Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Stockdale
Master Sgt. Joann Green
Tech. Sgt. Donna Bibbs
Staff Sgt. Mitchell Head
Staff Sgt. Marco Ricciardi
Senior Airman Jonelle A. Browne
Senior Airman Shaquan S. Ensley
Senior Airman Robert B. Hutchinson
Senior Airman Keenyn L. Hutto
Senior Airman Kenneth E. Lacy
Senior Airman Jonelle Browne-Finley

Newly Promoted

To Senior Master Sgt.

Harold S. Brown
Suzanne L. Clemons

Shorts, cont'd

* Morale Minder can only be accessed from DSN, by dialing 625-1110.

* After dialing DSN 625-1110, enter the Dobbins menu.

* Press (1) to place an off-base official or morale call. This gives you instructions on how to place a call.

* Press (1) again. This gives you the time limit of the call.

* Press (1) again. This gives you access for dialing your number.

When placing a call, you can only dial a 10-digit number (example: 770-919-5714) or whatever local area code you need. For toll-free numbers, you still dial 10-digits (example: 800-555-1212).

If you have any questions, call Otis Sampson at (770) 919-5714.

Helping you, whenever you need it

Are you taking advantage of the Web-based AFMC Help Center (<https://www.afmc-help.wpafb.af.mil>)? If not, come to the Web site designed to connect AFMC customers throughout the Air Force with the appropriate information source or an AFMC point of contact.

The AFMC Help Center offers easy connection to numerous references and database tools. It allows customers to perform either a natural language or keyword search of more than 220 AFMC Web sites (hosting over 240,000 documents) as well as selected databases and a Web-based discussion board.

In addition, the Help Center has links to readiness support tools such as Logistics Tracker, Stock Control System, AF Link, Per Diem Committee Web page, and the AF Pubs web site.

Deserving Airman Commission opportunity

The 80th Aerial Port Squadron is formally announcing that its Air Freight Services Officer-In-Charge position is available for a deserving airman commission. This 21T3 (Captain) transportation position is responsible for all air freight activities within the 80th APS. In addition

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Timothy A. Hosenfeld

To Master Sgt.

Saundra W. Bowens
Manuel B. Diaz
George S. Green
Michael Jackson
Randy C. Johnson
Charles H. Keesling
Dorothy M. Lewis
Bernard McGeehan
Tammy S. Patten
Lucy L. Truitt

To Tech. Sgt.

David W. Bufton
Charlie E. Cotton, Jr.
Kenneth A. Crick

Brian K. Freeman
Shane C. Grizzle
Patrick P. Pittman
Debra A. Summerlin
Darryl A. Washington, Sr.

To Staff Sgt.

Plaridel P. Dizon
Jimmy L. Haskins
David A. Sherman
Michelle M. Stevenson
Travis E. Vanzo

To Senior Airman

Maurice C. Brewington
Issac C. Cabe
Lauren M. Little
Joseph L. Robinson

to the requirements of the deserving airman commissioning program, this position requires that the selected individual attend the Basic Transportation Officer Course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, within 18 months of commissioning, and a two-week Transportation Proficiency Center course here at Dobbins within 30 months of commissioning. There are no specific degree limitations for this position. The Deserving Airman Selection Board is tentatively scheduled for Saturday of the July UTA.

Questions concerning applications and the board requirements should be directed to Master Sgt. David Pritchard at (770) 919-5003.

Details concerning the 21T3 position should be directed to Chief Master Sgt. William Biggie at (770) 919-5060 or to Lt. Col. David W. Peltola at (770) 919-5065.

Valentine s for Veterans



Col. James Glenn, 94th Airlift Wing vice commander, gives a Valentine's Day card to a local veteran. On a quarterly basis, Dobbins members visit a local veterans hospital. On the Feb. 14 visit, members distributed Valentine cards made by area school children and adults. (Photo by Don Peek)



94th AW HONOR GUARD

Current events have generated a need for stronger military presence on our home front in defense of freedom. As military members our responsibility is to ensure the citizens of the United States are secure in their homeland and confident in their military.

Help the 94th AW Honor Guard proudly represent the Air Force with strength and commitment performing in the community.

JOIN THE 94TH AW HONOR GUARD!

COLORS: On Call = 1 RPA day and 1 Retirement point
HONORS: Continuous = 139 MPA Mandays with the possibility of an extension to 179 and 351 Mandays



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